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RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Brakeman Otto Ballew is on the sick list.

The company will build four new engines at Havelock.

Conductor and Mrs. George Beck were Omaha visitors, this week.

Brakeman E. Benjamin went in to Omaha, Tuesday morning, on 2.

Conductor L. C. Wolf is laid up with a sprained ankle, sustained close of last week.

Dispatcher and Mrs. T. B. Campbell and son Harry were Denver visitors, Wednesday.

Charlie McManigal has been elevated to the position of operator; upon which we congratulate.

Fireman William Koll moved into the city, yesterday, and is occupying the Holliday residence.

Engineer and Mrs. J. W. Holliday are in the city, today, coming down from Lyons, Colorado, last night.

Mrs. H. L. Donovan is entertaining her mother, who recently arrived in the city from Holyoke, Colorado.

A one fare round trip rate has been made by all Nebraska roads to the beet sugar convention, Hastings, Feb. 2-3.

Mrs. G. R. Snyder went down to Lincoln, Thursday morning, on a visit to relatives and friends in the capital city.

Supt. Campbell went in to Omaha, Monday night, on business at headquarters, returning home on Wednesday night.

Frank Harris made a flying visit to Galva, Illinois, going on Saturday, and returning on Monday night. His mother is ill.

Engineer and Mrs. B. J. Sharkey entertained a numerous company of neighbors and friends, Tuesday evening, on a large scale, at High Five.

The construction of railways during 1896 reached a mileage of 1,802 according to the Railway Age, and 1,693 taking the figures of the Railroad Gazette.

Brakeman and Mrs. Ed. Beyrer and Mrs. V. H. Sollday, Tuesday morning, went down to Red Cloud, to attend the funeral of another of Albert Slaby's children.

Mrs. A. Miller and family left on Monday morning for Goodland, Kansas, being accompanied by her sister, Mary Heafy. A brother, Morris Heafy, is quite ill there with inflammatory rheumatism.

Mustered Out

At McCook, Nebraska, November 26, 1896, by dropsy, Mathias Kessler, Co. B, 104 Illinois Infantry. Mr. Kessler was born in Balgion, Germany, March 20th, 1831. Came to the United States in 1856 and enlisted in the service August 11th, 1862, and was discharged June 6th, 1865. Deceased was a member of J. K. Barnes Post, No. 207, McCook Nebr. Funeral services were conducted by Indianapolis Post, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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He Couldn't Explain.

A very small newsboy, who had just sold his last paper, leaned against the iron lamppost and shouted with all his lung power: "Pa-i-i-per! Twelvy-clack pa-i-i-per! Extry twelvy-clack!"

The boy was working overtime, either from force of habit or because of his natural exuberance. It is not uncommon in Calhoun place for a boy to stop short and yell several times, merely to relieve himself.

It happened that a pedestrian was attracted by the shouts of the boy against the lamppost. He smiled as he looked at the youngster and then said, "All right, give me one of your papers."

That startled the boy. He looked sheepishly at the man, rubbed his hand into his pocket and said, "I ain't got any."

"Didn't I hear you calling a 12 o'clock paper?"

"Yes, but I didn't mean"—It was too much of an explanation. A professor of psychology who had studied the laws of unconscious cerebration might have told why the boy stood on the corner shouting papers when he had no papers to sell, but the boy adopted a less difficult course and ran away.—Chicago Record.

Taking Exercise.

Poor Harry Shelman, the long haired poet who dressed his entire person to resemble Buffalo Bill, and who was, in fact, startlingly like the greatest of scouts, used to tell me of a literary friend of his who had a novel method of taking exercise. His workshop was on the top floor of his house, far from the noise of the street, and he used to write about 15 hours a day. He was not a Howells or a Bronson Howard, whose working hours never exceed four in any one day. He worked, he labored, he toiled. He had no time for a bicycle and could not afford a horse. He hated walking. Run he could not. Swimming was out of the question. Still he must have exercise. He kept his dictionary in the basement and his thesaurus in the kitchen. As he used both very often it was necessary to make many trips down stairs and up again, and in that way he kept himself in splendid physical condition. A visitor once saw him dashing down stairs like a madman and soaring up again like a kite and was distressed till informed by John's wife that John was simply hunting for a word and had found it.—New York Press.

A CLANKING GHOST.

Awful Experience of a Chicago Man In a Missouri Hotel.

"The most disagreeable experience in my travels," said the man from Chicago, "was when I awakened in the middle of the night in a Missouri hotel and heard a chain clank in my room. I don't know whether it is the association of a clanking chain that makes the sound so dismal or the mere fact of being awakened by a noise that shows the presence of something living, but I don't know of a more unpleasant awakening."

"I sat up in bed, but could see nothing, for the room was as dark as a pocket, and my heart thumped with suspense as I heard that weird clank, clank, clank, accompanied by a strange shuffling noise that was quite as mysterious and baffling. I reached under my pillow and drew out my—"

"Revolver?" suggested the man who finishes everybody's sentences.

"Naw, my whisky flask. I took a pull that would have made my wife give me a temperance lecture if she could have seen me."

"And what became of it?"

"The whisky?"

"No, no, the clanking ghost."

"Well, I fell off to sleep after awhile, and when I got up in the morning and investigated, I found out what it was."

"A maniac?"

"No; I was the only maniac. It was curled up under my bed, chain and all, and it turned out to be a pet coon that the hotel people owned and which had escaped from its quarters and found its way to my room. But I wouldn't put in another night like that for a farm and wood lot!"—St. Louis Republic.

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